

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please note that claims 1 – 33 have been canceled.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 33 (Canceled)

34. (New) A rack device for carrying elongated cargo disposed vertically adjacent a back wall of a recreational vehicle including a back wall top edge and a bumper, comprising:

a pair of laterally spaced upstanding posts;

a plurality of elongated horizontal rails including a top rail and rail connectors on the respective opposite rail extremities of the rail, the rail connectors slidably attachable to the respective posts' opposite extremities to form a frame, a front side of the frame facing the back wall and the top rail of the frame positioned adjacent the back wall top edge;

a plurality of rearwardly projecting arms cantileverly mounted from the respective rails for receiving therebetween the elongated cargo;

a plurality of pad devices interposed between the frame and the back wall and cooperating with the bumper and posts to maintain the frame disposed in spaced relation relative to the back wall; and

a pair of spaced apart tension mounting bracket devices attached to the posts and mounting the frame to the bumper and cooperating with the posts to bias the frame toward the back wall engaging the pad devices into contact with the back wall.

35. (New) The rack device of claim 34, further comprising:

an open-topped utility tray including a bottom wall and four side walls and a pair of stabilizer bars, the stabilizer bars fastened to the bracket mounting devices and supporting the tray below the level of the bumper.

36. (New) The rack device of claim 34, wherein:

the arms include arm couplers slidably mounted to the rails for horizontal positioning of respective arms.

37. (New) The rack device of claim 34, wherein:

the bracket devices include spring devices biasing the frame toward the back wall.

38. (New) The rack device of claim 35, wherein:

the bumper includes a hitch mount, the utility tray includes front and rear side walls and a hitch member mounted to the utility tray including opposite ends extending from the front and rear side walls and positioned for connection to the hitch mount on one of the ends, the system further including a second hitch mount on the other end of the hitch member and a hitch post mounted to the second hitch mount.

39. (New) A rack device for carrying elongated recreational cargo from the rear bumper of a recreational vehicle, the vehicle including a rear wall, the wall including an upper edge and a window, comprising:

a vertical, rectangular frame including upper and lower extremities and incorporating at least one pair of laterally spaced part upstanding posts including upper and lower ends and at least a pair of elongated horizontal rails including rail connectors for slidable attachment of the opposite ends of the rails to the respective posts for adjustment to desired vertical positions on the respective posts and one of the rails being

an upper rail disposed above the level of the window and adjacent the back wall upper edge;

a pair of bumper mounts bracket devices attaching the frame lower extremity to the bumper to support the posts in their upright positions and constructed to bias the upper ends of the posts toward the rear wall;

a plurality of laterally spaced apart support arms projecting outwardly of the respective rails; and

arm connectors mounted to the respective one ends of the respective arms and slidably carried on the respective rails, the respective arm connectors adjusted to a desired horizontal position along the respective rails to dispose the arms at a desired spacing for mounting there between of the recreational items.